

Home Health Spotlight Archive

2017

July 19, 2017

IMPACT Act: Drug Regimen Review Measure Overview for the Home Health Quality Reporting Program Call

Thursday, August 17 from 1:30-3 pm ET

[Register](#) for Medicare Learning Network events.

The Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation of 2014 ([IMPACT Act](#)) requires reporting of standardized patient assessment data by post-acute care (PAC) providers (including skilled nursing facilities, home health agencies, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and long-term care hospitals) for specified domains. During this call, CMS and measure developers will present the Drug Regimen Review (DRR) quality measure which was adopted to fulfill the medication reconciliation domain requirement of the IMPACT Act. This call will focus on the home health measure. A question and answer session follows the presentation.

Agenda:

- Review the goals of the DRR measure
- Review guidance and walk through scenarios for coding the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS) items used to calculate the measure

You may email questions in advance of the call to PACQualityInitiative@cms.hhs.gov. Questions received in advance of the call may be addressed during the call or used for other materials following the call.

Target Audience: PAC providers, healthcare industry professionals, clinicians, researchers, health IT vendors, and other interested stakeholders.

July 19, 2017

Updates to Home Health Compare

Home Health Compare will be refreshed in October 2017 and will include the **same data collection periods as the July 2017 refresh** (updated July 12, 2017) for measures based on OASIS data: (<https://www.medicare.gov/HomeHealthCompare/Data/Current-Data-Collection-Periods.html>). The value of some OASIS-based measures may have changed slightly to reflect submission of late or corrected OASIS data. The reporting period for HH CAHPS and claims-based measures will be updated.

The OASIS data will reflect any revisions or corrections made by HHAs as of **Friday, Aug 25, 2017**. This change may impact individual quality measure and Quality of Patient Care Star Ratings for some agencies.

The table below provides applicable dates.

October 2017 Refresh	
Preview reports available in CASPER	August 11, 2017
Quality of Patient Care Star Rating suppression request deadline	September 5, 2017
Deadline for submitting missing or corrected data	August 25, 2017

Home Health Compare updated	October 2017 TBD
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This is an update from a previous Spotlight announcement on November 14, 2016. Please note that the next full update to Home Health Compare will occur in January 2018.

May 25, 2017

May 3 and 4 Home Health QRP Provider Training Post-training Presentations (with Answers) Are Now Available

Post-training materials from the May 3 and 4, 2017, Home Health QRP Provider Training in Baltimore, MD, are now available in the Downloads section of the [Home Health QRP Training](#) webpage.

April 20, 2017

REGISTRATION RE-OPENS AND TRAINING MATERIALS AVAILABLE for the May 2017 Home Health Quality Reporting Program Provider Training

The training materials (without answers to polling questions and scenarios) for the upcoming Home Health QRP Provider Training in Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, May 3, and Thursday, May 4, 2017, are now available under the downloads section of the [Home Health QRP Training](#) webpage. The training will start at 8:30 a.m. ET and end at 4:30 p.m. ET on both days.

There will be an optional Meet-and-Greet with CMS staff and presenters on Wednesday, May 3, from 4:30 to 5:00 p.m. ET.

April 07, 2017

Interim QAO Reports for Q2 2016-2017 Now Available

The Interim QAO Report for Q2 2016-2017 are now available in CASPER.

Please also note that there is a typo on the front page of the QAO report. The text currently reads: "this QAO Performance Report is based on assessments completed by your HHA during the period from January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016 and submitted by January 31, 2016." The text should read "this QAO Performance Report is based on assessments completed by your HHA during the period from January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016 and submitted by January 31, 2017."

April 05, 2017

REGISTRATION FULL: In-Person Home Health Quality Reporting Program Provider Training on May 3 and 4, 2017, in Baltimore, MD

We have reached our cap of 300 registrants. Please see the [Home Health Training](#) webpage for further details and instructions on how to be placed on a wait list.

April 04, 2017

Review and Correct Reports Now Available

The Home Health review and correct reports are now available within the CASPER application. Providers can access these reports within the CMS QIES Systems for Providers webpage. This is the same webpage where

providers access the link to submit their OASIS data to the QIES Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system.

Review and Correct reports contain quality measure information at the facility level and are available on demand. These reports allow Home Health providers obtain aggregate performance for the past four full quarters (when data is available). These reports only contain data submitted prior to the applicable quarterly data submission deadlines and display whether the data correction period for a given CY quarter is “open” or “closed”.

March 01, 2017

The Public Comment Summary Report for the Home Health Functional Status Process Measure is now available on the [Home Health Quality Measures](#) webpage in the download section. This cross-setting function quality measure is an application of the quality measure Percent of Long-Term Care Hospital Patients with an Admission and Discharge Functional Assessment and a Care Plan that Addresses Function (NQF #2631).

February 24, 2017

Spotlight Announcement

Question and Answer (Q+A) Document from November Dallas Home Health QRP Provider Training Now Available

The question and answer (Q+A) document is now available in the “Downloads” section of the [Home Health Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage. The Q+A document contains participant questions from the November 16 and 17, 2016, in-person provider training in Dallas, TX.

February 24, 2017

In-Person Home Health Quality Reporting Program Provider Training on May 3 and 4, 2017, in Baltimore, MD: Registration Open

CMS is hosting a 2-day training event on the Home Health (HH) Quality Reporting Program (QRP). This event will be held in Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, May 3, and Thursday, May 4, 2017.

Visit the [HH Quality Reporting Training](#) webpage for more information and to register.

February 17, 2017

A Quick Reference Guide for the HH QRP is now available on the [Home Health Quality Reporting Requirements](#) webpage. The guide includes frequently asked questions, information on QRP help desks, and helpful links to additional resources for the HH QRP.

February 08, 2017

TEP Summary Report for Refinement of the Pressure Ulcer Measure is Now Available

The summary report for the refinement of percent of residents or patients with pressure ulcers that are new or worsened (Short-Stay) (NQF #0678) is now available. This report summarizes proceedings from a follow-up cross-setting pressure ulcer TEP meeting, which included in-depth discussion on the following topics:

- Obtaining input on updates to the cross-setting pressure ulcer measure in post-acute care settings
- Obtaining feedback regarding potential updates to measure specifications and items used to calculate the quality measure

- Refining the cross-setting approach to data collection for pressure ulcers in post-acute care settings

View the TEP summary report on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage.

January 20, 2017

Changes Under Consideration to Quality of Patient Care Star Ratings

During a National Provider Call on January 19, 2017, CMS described a change under consideration to the Quality of Patient Care calculation algorithm. Specifically, CMS is considering replacing the *Influenza Immunization Received for Current Flu Season* measure with the claims-based *Emergency Department Use without Hospitalization* measure. The slides from the call, which provide additional information, are available on the [call detail](#) page. Public comment on the change will be accepted through February 20, 2017, at HH_QM_Comment@abtassoc.com

January 19, 2017

The first 2017 update for HH Compare is scheduled for late January 2017. This update will include the Quality of Patient Care star rating and quality measure values shown in the preview reports distributed in early October, via CASPER.

Please note that six measures will be dropped from the public-facing HH compare site during the January 2017 refresh, as finalized in the 2017 HH PPS rule. However, these measures will still appear on the preview reports for another few refresh cycles, because of production processes. The six process measures that will be removed from the HH QRP are:

- Pain Assessment Conducted;
- Pain Interventions Implemented during All Episodes of Care;
- Pressure Ulcer Risk Assessment Conducted;
- Pressure Ulcer Prevention in Plan of Care;
- Pressure Ulcer Prevention Implemented during All Episodes of Care; and
- Heart Failure Symptoms Addressed during All Episodes of Care.

January 06, 2017

Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences Quality Measures Pilot Study – Response Due by January 17

CMS has contracted with RTI and Abt to develop and implement two Transfer of Health Information and Care Preferences (TOH) quality measures. The TOH measures meet requirements under the Improving Medicare Post-Acute Care Transformation Act (IMPACT Act) of 2014.

View the Transfer of Health Pilot January 2017 zip file on the [IMPACT Act Downloads and Videos](#) webpage for the Recruitment Letter that provides more information about the Pilot study and the Interest Form that can be completed electronically.

To participate in the pilot test, Interest Forms should be submitted to sclark@rti.org by Tuesday, January 17th.

January 03, 2017

Home Health Compare: New Refresh Date

Please make note that Home Health Compare will be updated on January 26, 2017.